The motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Tea Cess Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Tea Cess Act Amendment Bill be taken up and passed now.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS.—(*cont.*)

9. Bonds in connection with State Aid to Cottage Industries to be exempted from Stamp Duty, etc.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): "*This Council recommends to the Government to exempt from stamp duty, registration fees and non-encumbrance certificate fees, all bonds to be executed in connection with State Aid to Cottage Industries.*"

By this resolution, I am only seeking to extend the concession that has already been granted in connection with applications for loans from the Land Mortgage Bank to applications for loans to promote or expand cottage industries. The State Aid to Industries Act has been put on the statute book with the object of helping the cottage industries of this country, but the working of it is not in a liberal way and therefore it is of very little use to the people who seek Government aid for cottage industries. A party who applied for a loan of Rs. 1,000 last year, has recently been asked to deposit a sum of Rs. 120 for the issue of a non-encumbrance certificate from the Registry Office. This amount, Sir, is out of all proportion to the amount of the loan asked for and if these Acts are to be of use to the people, I submit that a liberal interpretation should be put in the working of such Acts, and the rules must be made accordingly. In spite of the fact that the officers concerned are evincing a keen interest in the betterment of the people, there is real difficulty for them in the matter of rendering real help to the people. In the case mentioned above where a man was seeking the help of Rs. 1,000, he was asked to deposit Rs. 120 in the Registry Office for getting a non-encumbrance certificate.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): How did that amount come to Rs. 120?

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): To know that, the party sent in a petition to the Superintendent of Registration asking him to enlighten the party on the point and the Superintendent of Registration referred him to the Registrar of Cranganur and he has not yet supplied the information as to how he did arrive at the figures. I think Government

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